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-/Presently preferred response elements contain at least one copy (with

one, two or three copies most common) of the minimal sequence:

AGGACA A AGGTCA (SEQ ID NO:5).

As noted above, the minimal sequence can optionally be flanked by additional residues, for example, as in the sequence:

GGACC AGGACA A AGGTCA CGTTC (SEQ ID NO:6)

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 20 of page 15 with the following replacement paragraph:

Exemplary PPREs have been described in detail hereinabove. Exemplary GAL4 response elements are those containing the palindromic 17-

mer:

5' - CGGAGGACTGTCCTCCG - 3' (SEQ ID NO:7),

such as, for example, 17MX, as described by Webster et al., in Cell 52;169-178 (1988), as well as derivatives thereof. Additional examples of suitable response elements include those described by Hollenberg and Evans in Cell 55,899-906 (1988); or Webster et al. in Cell <u>54</u>:199-207 (1988)

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 30 of page 21 with the following replacement paragraph:

A basic vector useful for the generation of GAL4-receptor fusion proteins is called pCMX-GAL4 (see SEQ ID NO:3). This vector encodes GAL4 DNA binding domain, followed by a polylinker sequence useful in the cloning.

The parental expression vector pCMX has been described by Umesono et al., in

Cell 65:1255-1266 (1991), and the GAL4 portion of pCMX-GAL4 is derived

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from plasmid pSG424, described by Sadowski and Ptashne, in Nucleic Acids Res.

17:7539 (1989)

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 23 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- pTK-PPRE3-LUC: Three copies of double-stranded peroxisome proliferator response element (PPRE) oligonucleotides (see SEQ ID NO:5) were cloned upstream of the TK promoter of TK-LUC at the SalI site./--

Please amend the specification by entering the replacement Abstract of the Disclosure provided herein (a copy of the original page 40 of the specification as filed), enclosed as a separate sheet.

## In the claims:

Please replace claims 16, 20, 27 and 28 with the following amended versions thereof: